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Amendment

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6572

File No. 461

Cal. No. 329

***"AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL AND OTHER CHANGES TO
CERTAIN PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES."***

1 After line 163, insert the following and renumber the remaining
2 sections accordingly:

3 "Sec. 8. Section 17a-57 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

5 Each hospital operating an emergency room shall designate all
6 members of the emergency room nursing staff as employees
7 authorized to take physical custody of an infant pursuant to section
8 17a-58, as amended by this act. [There shall be a designated employee
9 on duty at each hospital emergency room during regular business
10 hours. There shall be a designated place inside such hospital
11 emergency room where physical custody may be taken.]

12 Sec. 9. Section 17a-58 of the general statutes is repealed and the
13 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

14 (a) An employee designated pursuant to section 17a-57, as amended
15 by this act, shall take physical custody of any infant thirty days or
16 younger if the parent or [lawful] agent of the parent voluntarily
17 surrenders physical custody of the infant to such designated employee,
18 [unless the parent or agent clearly expresses an intent to return for the
19 infant.]

20 (b) The designated employee [may] shall request the parent or agent
21 to provide the [name] names and addresses of the [parent] parents or
22 agent and information on the medical history of the infant and parents.
23 The parent or agent is not required to provide such name or
24 information. The designated employee may provide the parent or
25 agent with a numbered identification bracelet to link the parent or
26 agent to the infant. The bracelet shall be used for identification only
27 and shall not be construed to authorize the person who possesses the
28 bracelet to take custody of the infant on demand. The designated
29 employee shall provide the parent or agent with a pamphlet describing
30 the process established under sections 17a-57 to 17a-61, inclusive, 53-21
31 and 53-23.

32 Sec. 10. Subsection (b) of section 17a-59 of the general statutes is
33 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

34 (b) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall assume the
35 care and control of the infant immediately upon receipt of notice under
36 subsection (a) of this section and shall take any action authorized
37 under state law to achieve safety and permanency for the infant. The
38 commissioner shall provide legal notice to the parents of the infant of
39 any proceedings in the superior court for juvenile matters concerning
40 such infant. If the identity or location of a parent is unknown, such
41 notice shall be provided in a manner approved by the superior court
42 for juvenile matters.

43 Sec. 11. Subsection (b) of section 17a-60 of the general statutes is
44 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

45 (b) Information concerning a parent or agent or infant left with a

46 designated employee shall be confidential except that notwithstanding
47 any provision of the general statutes, such employee shall provide to
48 the Commissioner of Children and Families all [medical history]
49 information provided by the parent."